

8/7/69

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TO: SAC, Philadelphia

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FROM: Director, FBI

44-43108-2

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

[REDACTED]

LILLIE BELLE AARER (DECEASED - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Columbia airtel to Director, FBI, 7/29/69.

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For completion of your file two copies of a Departmental letter dated 8/1/69, are enclosed herewith. Department requests a preliminary investigation be conducted if interviews with occupants of the car in which the victim was traveling observed police officers in the crowd or accompanying those persons who fired on the car. It is noted that resairtel from Columbia furnished result of interview with [REDACTED] which indicated that a preliminary investigation should be conducted.

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Expedite any remaining investigation and surep to meet reporting deadline of seven days following receipt of airtel. If not already done, determine what investigation has been made by state or local authorities and report the results as requested in the attached Departmental letter.

Insure that all persons interviewed and appropriate officials are advised that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of AAG Jerris Leonard, CRD, USDJ.

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RE: JERRY LEONARD, CRD, USDJ

NOTE:

The CRD received a complaint that during recent racial disturbances at York, Pennsylvania, in which a number of people were hit by gun fire, that victim Lillie Belle Allen was fatally shot by a high powered rifle. It was reported that a crowd of whites accompanied by one or more police officers may have done the shooting.

CRD requested interview of [redacted]
[redacted] all
of whom were with victim at time of her death.

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CRD requested a PI if the interview substantiated the complaint. This matter is already under investigation as result of a complaint made [redacted] to the Columbia Office in which it was alleged that some of the men doing the shooting were "troopers."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE **AUG 1 1969**

JL:JFMCH:mlh

FROM : Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ 144-63-New

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject, Member, York, Pa.
Police Department
Lillie Bell Allen - Victim
Summary Punishment
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On July 31, 1969, [redacted] contacted this office and stated [redacted] the victim, was killed on July 21, 1969, while traveling through York, Pennsylvania. [redacted] stated [redacted] traveling from Aiken, South Carolina [redacted] to New York City and had stopped in York to visit [redacted]

[redacted] at the time of the incident. Persons in the car [redacted] that as they drove along Newbury in or toward a white section of the city, they came to a railway track. On the far side of the railway was a crowd of whites accompanied by one or more police officers. [redacted]

[redacted] while she did so the whites fired on the car. The gunfire continued for some time. When they were rescued by police officers, Lillie Bell Allen had been fatally shot by a high powered rifle.

Please interview the occupants of the car, including [redacted]

[redacted] to determine if any of them saw police officers in the crowd or accompanying these persons who fired on their car.

Should these persons substantiate the report of the complainant, please conduct a preliminary investigation.

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In addition, please advise us as to what, if any, investigation has been made by state or local authorities and the results thereof.

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Date: 8/8/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1638)
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
[REDACTED]

LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau airtel 8/7/69 and Philadelphia report of
SA [REDACTED] dated 8/6/69, captioned as above.

Review of referenced report and referenced airtel
would reflect all investigation completed and reported.

No further investigation being conducted by
Philadelphia in this matter UACB.

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Special Agent in Charge

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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHILADELPHIA	DATE 8/6/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/28-8/5/69
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY mcd/kmd
CHARACTER OF CASE CR		HB	

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The title of this report is being marked changed to reflect the correct spelling of the first name of **[REDACTED]**

Reference

Columbia airtel dated 7/29/69.

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Copy to: 1- USA, MDPa. (CMO'M)

Report of:
Date:

AUGUST 6, 1969

Office: PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA

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Field Office File #:

44-1638

Bureau File #:

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS

~~Summary~~

Victims, [REDACTED] LILLIE BELLE ALLEN, deceased, all colored, report that LILLIE BELLE ALLEN was shot and killed by a group of white individuals at York, Pa., on 7/21/69. They stated that some of the group shooting at them appeared to be "troopers." Investigation at York, Pa., reflects racial disturbance broke out between group of Negroes and a group of white individuals on 7/17/69. On 7/20/69 a car containing Negroes is alleged to have driven through a white neighborhood; when leaving, Negroes concealed in the trunk of the vehicle sprayed the area with gunfire. On 7/21/69 victims drove on the same street, and when seeing a group of white individuals, one with a gun, the driver became frightened and stalled the motor in turning the car around to leave the area. LILLIE BELLE ALLEN got out of back seat to driver front seat and drive the car away when gunfire broke out which resulted in her death. Victims state one of the group had on matching grayish parka shirt and was wearing a white helmet. When seen, he was pushing a motorcycle. In view of his clothing, they felt he may have been a "trooper." Police in the community were wearing white helmets during the disturbance, and most were wearing bullet-proof vests as protection against sniper fire. AUSA, MDPa., feels no further investigation needed as investigation indicates individual referred to by the victims as a "trooper" was dressed different than the policemen at the time, and police apparently took no part in the shooting of the victim.

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DETAILS: The investigation in this matter is predicated upon the receipt of a complaint by the Columbia Office of the FBI from [REDACTED] on July 28, 1969, as follows:

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Date 7/29/69

"July 28, 1969
Columbia, SC

"I, [redacted] do hereby furnish the following information to Special Agent [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize I may be called upon to testify to the contents of this statement in a court of law and I am willing to do so.

"I along with [redacted]
[redacted] Lillie Belle Allen, age 27, [redacted]
[redacted]
arrived in York, Pennsylvania (Pa.) on July 20, 1969 to visit [redacted]

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"I along with [redacted]
[redacted] Lillie Belle Allen and [redacted]
[redacted] went fishing near York, Pa. We left about 11 AM, July 21, 1969 and returned about 8 PM to York. We returned [redacted] decided to go into town to get food and supplies for another planned trip on July 23, 1969.

"The same persons that went fishing went into town. We arrived in York, Pa. about 8:45 PM. The section of town that we drove to was [redacted]
[redacted]

"We arrived at a traffic light in York, Pa. and there were benches partially blocking the road. There were also approximately 15-20 police officers at the street corner. They did

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 7/29/69

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"not stop the car. [redacted]
[redacted] at the intersection.

"We proceeded one block to a railroad crossing. At the railroad crossing we observed several men with guns. One man had a policeman's uniform on and the others appeared to have on civilian type clothes.

[redacted] said something to the effect that the men were going to shoot. [redacted]
[redacted] stopped short of sign near the railroad tracks.

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"Lillie Belle was sitting [redacted] and said she was going to try to get us out of there. She got out of the car and while standing by the front door she was shot. The first shot hit Lillie Belle and after the first shot, several more shots were fired at the car. No one else was hit by any other shots. Lillie Belle was taken to the hospital in York, Pa. and died approximately 1 1/2 hours after arrival at hospital.

"The shooting continued for at least 20-30 minutes. They would cease fire for a few seconds and then start firing again.

"When the shooting stopped for the last time I saw an red Army type truck drive up near our car. Two men in uniform approached our car. There was a third individual who remained in the truck. These individuals were dressed like policemen. They stopped the firing and called for an ambulance. The ambulance transported Lillie Belle to the hospital. We followed in the car part way. The car had the back window shot out, right rear tire shot, right wing glass shot out and several bullet holes in the trunk and right rear door.

[redacted] continued to the hospital.

"A detective from the York Police Department took statements from the four individuals involved.

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"At hospital the detective asked us to come to Police Headquarters the next day. We went to Police Headquarters on July 22 and gave another statement to another unknown detective. At the Detective Bureau I inquired concerning an inquest. An unknown individual said that no inquest could be held until an arrest had been made.

"After arriving [redacted] on July 21, we sat and discussed the incident. [redacted]

[redacted]

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"We left for South Carolina on July 22, 1969 and arrived in Aiken on July 23, 1969.

"I would like to clarify one point. I did not actually see the man who had on a policeman's type uniform or the men with guns near the railroad crossing. This information was furnished to me by [redacted] who had observed the man in uniform and other men with guns near the railroad crossing.

"I could not identify any of the individuals involved in the shooting.

"/s/ I have read the statement and can witness it is true. The statement is 7 pages and is true and correct."

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Columbia, S. C. July 28, 1969"

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[redacted] indicated that [redacted] during the shooting
incident on July 21, 1968. Approximately [redacted]
was observed [redacted]

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The following description was obtained through
interview and observation:

Name:
Occupation:

Race:
Sex:
Born:

Height:
Weight:
Wife:
Residence:

Telephone:

[Large redacted area]

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Date 7/29/69

FBI Office
Columbia, S. C.
July 28, 1969
4:34 PM

"I, [redacted] do hereby furnish the following information to Special Agent [redacted] who has identified himself to me as being a Special Agent assigned to the FBI Office in Columbia, S. C.

"I realize I may be called upon to testify to the contents of this statement in a court of law and I am willing to do so.

[redacted] and
I was born [redacted]
[redacted] and
we presently are living in [redacted]
[redacted]

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"On the weekend of July 20, 1969 [redacted]
and I along with other members of our family
arrived in York, Pennsylvania to visit [redacted]
[redacted]

"The following day, July 21, 1969 a group of us went fishing in an area a short ways out of York. We fished until it was almost dark and were on our way back to [redacted] when we decided to stop for groceries. On our way to the grocery store, I believe the name of the store was Fields, we approached an intersection where there were several troopers, armed with rifles and wearing helmets. I do not know if these men were from the

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by SA [redacted] :ums Date dictated 7/29/69

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"York Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police or which department, but they were dressed bluish-gray police type uniforms.

[redacted] the car at that time. As we approached the railroad crossing on the street we were travelling down, which might possibly have been Newburg Street, we observed one of the troopers raise his rifle and point it in our general direction. This act frightened [redacted] and she said, [redacted] these people are going to start shooting.' After she said this she held her head down, causing us to drive off the road and up onto the railroad tracks.

"At this time [redacted] Lillie Bell [redacted] to stop the car and that she would drive the car. As Lillie Bell got out of the back seat of the car and started to enter the driver's side of the car, shots began to ring out. At the sound of the first shot I saw Lillie Bell drop to the ground. Then several more shots continued. While the shooting was going on, I opened the back door of the car and saw Lillie Bell laying on the ground, near the car, bleeding. I wanted to try to put her back into the car, but [redacted] told me not to until the shooting stopped.

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"The shooting continued for at least fifteen minutes more, before it finally ceased. At that time an armored car from the police department drove up to our car. One of the officers, who appeared to be in charge, told who ever had been firing to stop. He then called for an ambulance to take Lillie Bell to the hospital. We were told to get the car off the tracks and to follow the ambulance to the hospital.

"However one of the tires on the car had been shot and we stopped [redacted] which was located [redacted] from the shooting. and picked up our personal car. We [redacted] parked on the street in front of her house. We then continued

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"on to the hospital. However upon arriving there we were not able to see Lillie Bell due to her serious condition.

"While at the hospital we were questioned by a detective, however I do not know which agency he was from. We explained to him what had happened and then he told us we could leave. However I told him I would not leave unless we had some protection. He arranged for a police escort back [redacted] before we left the hospital we learned from a doctor that Lillie Bell had passed away.

"The following morning, July 22, 1969, we went to the hospital to make arrangements for funeral services for Lillie Bell. The hospital directed us to Chapman's Funeral Home in York where we made arrangements to have Lillie Bell's body shipped to Aiken, S. C.

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"That afternoon we came [redacted] and learned that a detective from the York Police Department had been to talk to us and left his card for us to come down to the station to talk to us. We went to the police station and talked to a Negro detective who told us that they were going to continue the investigation to determine what had happened.

"We left York, Pa. that afternoon (7/22/69) at approximately 4:30 P. M. and arrived back in Aiken, S. C. at approximately 8:30 A. M. on Wednesday (7/23/69).

"We came to the FBI Office in Columbia, S. C. today in order to tell our story for whatever assistance it might be. We are also concerned over the outcome of the investigation in York, Pa., why it happened and any other information that can be made available to us. We were not sure of what we could do about this situation, but thought perhaps the FBI could help us.

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"I have read this statement which consists of four pages and now sign it because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Columbia,
S. C. 7/25/69. 6:17 P. M."

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Date 8/6/69

[redacted]
furnished the following signed statement when interviewed:

"York, Pennsylvania
August 4, 1969

"I, [redacted] furnish the following information to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am willing to testify in a court of law as to the contents of this statement.

"I was born [redacted] and presently reside at [redacted] At approximately 9 pm on July 21, 1969 [redacted] LILLIE BELLE ALLEN, who were visiting [redacted] and I decided to go to a store in the northern section of the city. [redacted]

[redacted] We turned North on North Newberry St. from West Philadelphia Street. At this corner there were several city and state police in uniform and wearing vests and helmets. They were all carrying rifles or shot guns.

"As we approached the railroad tracks on North Newberry Street I saw a white man standing there with either a rifle or shot gun pointing in the air. I was afraid he or others in the crowd of 15 to 20 white people were going to shoot at us so [redacted] the car around and leave. When [redacted] LILLIE BELL got out of the back seat stating she would drive and started to open the front door. Just then there was a shot and she fell down. This was followed by more gun fire.

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by SA [redacted] -11-
SA [redacted] JWD/mcd Date dictated 8/5/69

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"One man in the crowd had on matching pants and shirt and a white helmet. He was pushing a motorcycle onto the sidewalk when I first saw him. This man may have been a policeman due to the matching pants and shirt and helmet.

"The above statement is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

"/s/ [redacted]

Special Agent, FBI York, Pa.

"/s/ [redacted]

Special Agent, FBI, York, Pa."

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[redacted] LILLIE BELLE ALLEN and I decided to go to the store at about 9 am [redacted]

[redacted] When we turned North on North Newberry Street from W. Philadelphia Street we saw several city and state policeman. They were in uniform and wearing helmets and vests. They were all carrying rifles or shotguns. There were 15 to 20 white men on the sidewalks of Newberry St. just North of the railroad tracks. One of these men was holding either a rifle or shotgun pointing in the air. [redacted] saw him she was afraid they were going to shoot and started to turn around. [redacted] in doing this so LILLIE BELLE got out of the car stating she would drive. As she got to the front door there was a shot fired and LILLIE BELL fell down. This was followed by more gunfire.

"One man in the crowd had on a matching pants and shirt, grayish in color, and a white helmet. The top of the helmet was white and the bottom a darker color. He was pushing a motorcycle from the street

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"to the sidewalk. Just before the shooting started I saw him walking North on Newberry Street. I felt he may have been a policeman as his matching pants and shirt resembled a uniform.

"the above statement is true & correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnesses:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent; FBI,
Philadelphia Pa. 8/4/69

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent FBI York, Pa."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/6/69

[redacted] York City Police Department, furnished the following information when interviewed:

A racial disturbance commenced in York, Pa., on July 17, 1969. This was mainly a disturbance between a group of Negroes and a group of white individuals. As a result of the gang incidents, the police department attempted to seal off two areas of town. One of the areas was around the 300 block of South Penn Street which is predominantly a colored section. The other area was around North Newberry Street, north of West Philadelphia Street, which is predominantly a white section of town.

On July 21, 1969, the department received information that a colored woman had been shot on North Newberry Street at approximately 9:15 p.m. The original information received was that she had been shot by a group of white individuals who resided in the area.

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[redacted] stated that his department is not making a separate investigation of this incident; however, he is working with [redacted] of the Pennsylvania State Police in a joint investigation. He stated that no reports are being made by his department.

[redacted] stated there were reports that on July 20, 1969, an automobile occupied by Negroes traveled through the Newberry Street area, and at one point, the trunk opened up. When the trunk opened, Negroes who had been concealed therein sprayed the area with gunfire as the vehicle sped off. He understands there were white people wounded at this time; however, he has not been able to locate any reports of these injuries.

On July 21, 1969, LILLIE BELLE ALLEN, the colored female who was shot, was riding north on North Newberry Street with [redacted]

[redacted] As they reached the railroad

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tracks of the Western Maryland Railroad, [redacted] became frightened by the sight of a group of armed white individuals, [redacted] to leave the area. [redacted] the motor with the rear of the vehicle approximately in the general direction of the group of white individuals. At this point, LILLIE BELLE ALLEN got out of the back seat behind the driver, to get in the driver's seat and drive the vehicle out of the area. As she reached the front door of the vehicle, gunfire broke out from the group, and she fell to the ground wounded in the right chest. She later died of this wound at the York Hospital.

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[redacted] stated that all officers of the department are issued light blue crash-type helmets which they were wearing during the disturbance. Also, most officers were wearing bullet-proof vests as protection against sniper fire which was constantly being aimed at them.

[redacted] furnished the following copy of the Coroner's Certificate of Death and the statements of the other occupants of the vehicle as obtained by his department:

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CAL REG. NO.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
VITAL STATISTICS

MARY
T. NO. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEATH OCCURRED IN: a. County <u>York</u> b. City or borough <u>York</u>	2. DECEASED'S MAILING ADDRESS <u>117 Harry Street,</u> b. Post Office, Zone, and State <u>Aiken, South Carolina</u>
If death did not occur in city or borough, give name of township (Do not use R.D. or Box Number)	3. VETERAN Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> a. Which War _____ b. Serial No. _____
Full Name of Hospital or Institution (If not in hospital, give street address) <u>York Hospital</u>	

NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. (First) <u>LILLIE</u> b. (Middle) <u>BELL</u> c. (Last) <u>ALLEN</u>	5. DATE OF DEATH (Month) <u>July</u> (Day) <u>21</u> (Year) <u>1969</u>
WHERE DID DECEASED ACTUALLY LIVE? a. State <u>S. Carolina</u> b. County <u>Aiken</u>	c. Did deceased live in a township? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, deceased lived in _____ township. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, deceased lived within actual limits of <u>Aiken</u> city or borough.

8. COLOR OR RACE <u>female colored</u>	9. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	10. DATE OF BIRTH <u>05.05.1941</u>	11. AGE (in years last birthday) <u>27</u>	If under 1 year Months _____ Days _____	If under 24 hours Hours _____ Min. _____
USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) <u>housewife</u>	13. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	14. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>S. Carolina</u>	15. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>USA</u>		

FULL NAME OF SPOUSE <u>divorced</u>	17. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Beatrice Prayton</u>
FATHER'S NAME <u>James Mosley</u>	19. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS <u>mother Mrs. Beatrice Mosley, Aiken, S.C.</u>

CAUSE OF DEATH: Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c). PART I. Death was caused by: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Penetrating wound of right chest</u> DUE TO (b) <u>due to gunshot wound - bullet, non-fatal</u> DUE TO (c) <u>fatal</u>	INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>1 1/2 hrs</u>
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PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease given in Part I (d). <u>Internal damage characteristic of high force impact</u>		21. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
22. a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22. b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED <u>gunshot</u>	22. c. TIME OF INJURY Hour _____ m. _____ E.S.T. <u>July 21, 1969</u>
22. d. INJURY OCCURRED While at work <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22. e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., home, farm, factory, street, etc.) <u>York</u>	22. f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, STATE <u>York Pa.</u>

I hereby certify that investigation of the death of the above named deceased resulted in the findings here stated, and that time of death is estimated as <u>9:55</u> a.m. E.S.T., on the date stated above.			
a. Signature of coroner <u>John R. B. B.</u>	b. Address <u>York, Pa.</u>	c. Date signed <u>July 22, 1969</u>	
24. a. BURIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVAL <input type="checkbox"/>	24. b. DATE	24. c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY	24. d. LOCATION (City, Boro., Twp. & County) (State)

DATE REC'D BY REG.	26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE	27. SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT LILLIE BELLE ALLEN

FILE NUMBER 44-43108

SECTION NUMBER 1



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/6/69

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[redacted] Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), furnished the following information when interviewed:

As a result of the recent racial disturbances in York, Pa., he is presently assigned to investigate some of the more serious matters that took place during the disturbances. One of the matters he is investigating is the murder of LILLIE BELLE ALLEN which happened on July 21, 1969. This investigation is being conducted under PSP Incident #H7-87357. To date, no report has been written in this matter and it is still under investigation. His investigation to date has disclosed the following facts:

On July 21, 1969, at approximately 9:15 p.m., LILLIE BELLE ALLEN was a passenger in a vehicle [redacted]

[redacted] Also passengers in this vehicle were [redacted]

LILLIE BELLE ALLEN was sitting in the back seat on the extreme left-hand side of the vehicle.

As the vehicle approached the Western Maryland Railroad tracks on North Newberry Street, [redacted] observed a gang of white individuals who were armed with guns and expressed fear that they would be shot. [redacted] turn the vehicle around; however, in [redacted] stalled the motor. At this point the vehicle was facing West on the railroad tracks and at the extreme Western side of the street. LILLIE BELLE ALLEN at this point, got out of the vehicle to come to the front seat and take the wheel when gunfire broke out striking her in the right chest. She later died of this wound at 9:50 p.m., at the York Hospital.

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On 8/4/69 at YORK, PA. File # PHILADELPHIA 44-1638

by SA [redacted] /kmd -25- Date dictated 8/5/69

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The bullet which was removed from her body was taken to the laboratory of the PSP at Harrisburg, Pa., where it was determined that it was only a portion of a rifle slug from a shotgun and from the appearance of the slug, it was evident that it had ricocheted from another object into her body.

The gunfire was allegedly caused by a gang of white youths from the North Newberry Street area who had a confrontation with a gang of Negro youths on July 17, 1969.

At this point in the investigation, he has not interviewed any of the other persons who were in the vehicle but has concentrated on attempting to learn the identities of the individuals who were in the white gang firing on the stalled vehicle. This investigation has developed the fact that on July 20, 1969, an automobile containing Negroes had driven down North Newberry Street and as it reached the area of the Western Maryland Railroad tracks, the trunk of the vehicle had suddenly opened and some Negroes in the trunk had sprayed the area with gunfire as the vehicle sped off. He understands that some white persons were injured by this gunfire; however, he does not know their identities.

[redacted] believes that this incident had the residents of the North Newberry Street area rather jumpy and when another vehicle occupied by Negroes turned around at the tracks and a Negro woman got out of the vehicle, the gang in the area believed they would be shot at from the trunk of this vehicle. He bases this part on the fact that the majority of the shots hitting the vehicle hit it in the right rear, particularly in the area of the trunk.

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His investigation has determined that there were no city or state policemen in the immediate area where the vehicle was shot at and the closest officers were at the intersection of North Newberry and West Philadelphia Streets. Also, all PSP on riot duty in York, Pa., at the time were issued and wearing crash-type helmets, light blue in color. Most of the policemen after the first day or two of the disturbance, wore bullet proof vests as a protection against the sniper fire which they were constantly running into.

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On August 5, 1969, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant U.S. Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania (AUSA, MDPa.) CARLON O'MALLEY, who stated that in his opinion there was no need for further investigation. From the facts developed, the only thing that indicated a law enforcement officer was present in the white gang responsible for the shooting of LILLIE BELLE ALLEN was that an individual was wearing matching grayish pants and shirt and was wearing a helmet. This individual was not wearing a bullet proof vest as were the officers on the nearby corner and his helmet was different from that of either the PSP or the York City Police. Furthermore, this individual was not observed to be taking any action with the gang but when last observed, was actually walking away from the vehicle in which the victim was riding and had his back to the vehicle.

SAC, Philadelphia (44-1638)

9/10/69

Director, FBI (44-43108)

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LILLIE BELL ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reurairtel 8/2/69, Bureau airtel 8/7/69, and report of SA [] 8/6/69, in Philadelphia. Referenced Bureau airtel forwarded Department's request for a preliminary investigation to include results of investigation made by state or local authorities.

Herep contains interview with [] of the York, Pennsylvania Police Department who advised that his department was not making a separate investigation of this incident; however, he was working with [] of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) in a joint investigation. No reports were being made by the York Police Department. [] PSP, furnished considerable details about his investigation but indicated at time of interview no report had been written and the matter was still being investigated.

Submit results of investigation by PSP for dissemination to the Department.

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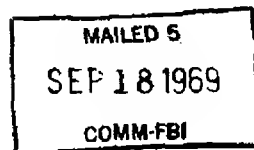
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LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
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Re Bureau letter 9/10/69.

Surep. If results of PSP investigation have not
been obtained, susairtel your efforts to do so and advise
when they will be made available.

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19 SEP 18 1969

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Date: 9/19/69

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Via AIRTEL _____

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-43108)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1638)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (deceased)-
VICTIMS - CIVIL RIGHTS

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Rebulet, 9/10/69.

Constant contact is being maintained with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Pennsylvania State Police at York, Pa., for a
copy of his report in instant matter. [REDACTED] has
requested copy of this report from headquarters in Harrisburg,
Pa., and will provide as soon as received.

This matter is being followed and report will be
forwarded to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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2-Philadelphia (44-1638)
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9/29/69

Director, FBI (44-43108)

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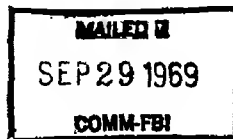
LILLIE BELL ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurairtel 9/19/69.

Reairtel advised that constant contact is being maintained with PEP [redacted] at York, Pennsylvania, to obtain copy of his report in this matter. If the report has not been received to date, immediately contact [redacted] headquarters at Harrisburg in effort to obtain the report.

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Date: 9/30/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-43108)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1638)
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

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LILLIE BELOE ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau letter 9/29/69.

Contact has been made with the Commissioner,
Pennsylvania State Police, who advises copy of report being
duplicated and will be made available on 10/2/69, at which
time it will be immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

- ② - Bureau (44-43108)
2 - Philadelphia (44-1638)

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Date: 10/3/69

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TO: Director, FBI (44-43108)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1638) (C)
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (DECEASED) - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 9/30/69.

At Harrisburg, Pa.

On 10/2/69, [redacted] Headquarters,
Pennsylvania State Police, State Capitol, furnished copies
of all State Police reports concerning the shooting of LILLIE
BELLE ALLEN. These reports total 33 pages.

These report copies are enclosed.

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Date: **11/24/69**

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1638)

From: EX-105 REC-121 Director, FBI (44-43108) — 11

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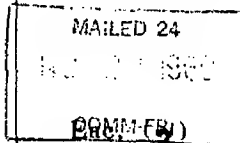
Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated **11/21/69.**

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section **27**
Volume II, Manual of Instructions, and surep within **seven**
days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results
of a ☒ limited investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminary

Advise ☒ all persons interviewed
☐ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being conducted
at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division,
U. S. Department of Justice, referring to him by name as well as title.

Remarks: **SuLHM advising current status of local prosecution
and continue to follow with LHM every thirty days until
matter is resolved.**



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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.....

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NOTE:

During shooting allegedly between blacks and whites in a racial disturbance, victim was shot and killed on 7/21/69. We did a preliminary investigation at request of Department as it was alleged that a "trooper" had been involved; however, investigation indicated policemen apparently took no part in shooting of victim. CRD now requests they be advised of any local prosecution arising out of shooting of victim.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: NOV 21 1969

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FROM : Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ [REDACTED]
#37-133-8

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects;

[REDACTED]
Lillie Belle Allen (deceased) - Victims
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated
October 7, 1969.

Please keep this Division advised of any local
prosecution arising out of the shooting of Lillie Belle
Allen.

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Date: 12/1/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-43108)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1638) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS:



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LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (deceased) -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Bureau Airtel to Philadelphia dated 11/24/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of a Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above, suitable for dissemination.

Philadelphia will follow with local police and submit Letterhead Memorandum every thirty days concerning status of local prosecution as instructed to do so in referenced airtel.

2-Bureau (44-43108) (Enc. 3)
2-Philadelphia (44-1638)

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1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
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1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

December 1, 1969

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

[REDACTED]
LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (deceased) -
VICTIM

The following is the result of a limited investigation: b7C

[REDACTED] York Police Department, York, Pa., was advised on December 1, 1969, that investigation in this matter was at the specific request of Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

[REDACTED] advised that his department in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police, York, Pa., was still conducting investigation of the incident in which Lillie Belle Allen was shot during the summer of 1969 racial disturbances at York, Pa. He stated that to date, the identity of the person or persons who shot her have not been determined. He stated that he would advise of any breaks in this matter as soon as they might occur.

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Date: 12/31/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-43108)
 FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1638) (P)
 SUBJECT: UNSUBS; ¹



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LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (deceased) -
 VICTIM
 CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 12/1/69
 and LHM same date. Bureau airtel to Philadelphia
 dated 11/24/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of
 an LHM suitable for dissemination, dated and captioned
 as above.

Philadelphia will follow with local police
 and submit LHM every thirty days concerning status of
 local prosecution as instructed to do so in re Buairtel.

② Bureau (44-43108) (Encl. 3) ENCLOSURE
 2- Philadelphia (44-1638)

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Approved: CHD SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
 Date: 1-5-70
 How: 14
 By: 778 5 38 64 1310

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

December 31, 1969

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:



LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (deceased) -
VICTIM

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The following is the result of a limited investigation:

[Redacted] the
Detective Division, York Police Department, York, Pa.,
was contacted on December 30, 1969.

[Redacted] advised that his department in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police, York, Pa., is still continuing its investigation of the incident in which LILLIE BELLE ALLEN was fatally wounded by gunshot during racial violence at York, Pa., in July 1969. He said that there had been many people in the vicinity of the shooting, and it had not been possible to ascertain who might have shot her, and unless a witness comes forth and volunteers information as to who may have shot her, it is going to be nearly impossible to determine just who did shoot her. He said that so far no one among the numerous people questioned on this matter would admit seeing who had fired the shot at Mrs. ALLEN and other individuals with her in her car at the time of the shooting.

He said that he would be happy to advise of any new developments in this case as they might come up.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1638)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-43108) — 14

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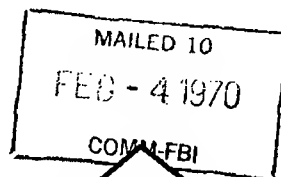
Reurairtel 2/2/70.

Part III, page 34d, paragraph E of the FBI Handbook instructs that you do not incorporate in a report the fact that persons interviewed have been advised that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard of the Civil Rights Division. This prohibition also applies to an LHM reporting results of investigation or inquiry.

Promptly resubmit the LHM forwarded by reairtel deleting the reference to Assistant Attorney General Jerris Leonard. Reairtel does not indicate that a copy of LHM was furnished to the United States Attorney. This should be done when new LHM is prepared.

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Date: 2/2/70

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Via AIRTEL _____
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To: Director, FBI
(44-43108)

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
(44-1638)

☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: UNSUBS; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (DECEASED) -
VICTIMS

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☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☐ Racial Matters
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

RePHairtel to Bureau, 12/31/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above and suitable for dissemination.

Philadelphia will follow this matter with local police and submit LHM every 30 days concerning status of local prosecution, as the Bureau has instructed this office.

ACTION: UACB:

☐ No further action being taken and
☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA
2 - Philadelphia ☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)
NAH:llc ☐ LHM being submitted
(5) ☐ Report being submitted
☒ ENCLOSURE ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 2, 1970

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:



LILLIE BELLE ALLEN (DECEASED) -
VICTIMS

The following is the result of a limited investigation. b7C

[Redacted] York
Police Department, York, Pa., was advised on February 2, 1970,
that investigation in this matter was at the specific request
of Jerris Leonard, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights
Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

[Redacted] stated that his department was still
investigating the incident in which Lillie Belle Allen was
shot during racial violence at York, Pa., during the summer
of 1969. He said that this investigation is a joint investi-
gation with the Pennsylvania State Police but to date, no
breaks in this matter have developed which would lead to
the identity of the person or persons who shot Mrs. Allen.
He advised that he would be happy to advise of any new
developments in this matter as they might occur.

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